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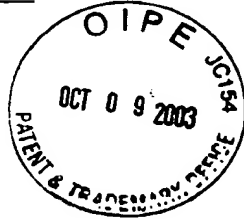
Date October 9, 2003

In re the Application of

Alain BETHUNE

Application No.: 09/688,961

Filed: October 17, 2000

For: METHOD OF HOT MARKING, AND A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE FOR
IMPLEMENTING SUCH A METHOD

Group Art Unit: 1734

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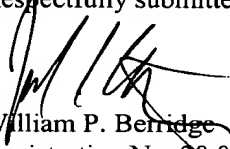
Sir:

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